

SENATE BILL SUMMARY

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SB 292

Statewide Legacy Communities Initiative by Senator Bullard

Defines "legacy community" as a historic and culturally distinct community that is established in an area of this state and developed by capturing and cultivating the people's cultures, skills, beliefs, interests, and values.

Establishes the Statewide Legacy Communities Initiative to support and fund projects and activities undertaken by individuals, community organizations, and businesses in legacy communities implementing the legacy community strategy.

Provides that funding for the initiative shall support certain designated services and activities for legacy communities. The scope of such services and activities includes, but is not limited to, creating community land trusts, promoting youth initiatives, and preserving the culture of gentrifying communities.

Creates the Urban Empowerment Corporation, a not-for-profit corporation, within the Department of Community Affairs to serve as the coordinating organization for the development and implementation of the Statewide Legacy Community Initiative. Provides criteria concerning the creation, purpose, and duties of the corporation.

Requires the corporation to issue requests for proposals to fulfill the purposes of the initiative and provides criteria for the review and approval of such proposals.

Designates Coconut Grove as the initial statewide pilot legacy community. Specifies additional communities to include: Brownsville, Little Haiti, Liberty City, Overtown, Lemon City, Opa Locka, Carol City, Cooper City, South Miami, Key West, Bahama Village, Del Ray, West Palm Beach, Belle Glade, Riviera Beach, Pleasant City, Eatonville, Orlando, Port St. Joe, and Jacksonville.

Provides criteria concerning the revitalization plans of legacy communities. Provides an appropriation. (See bill for details)